Extradition of accused from UK

305. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that one of the key accused in the sensitive/classified data leak case from the Indian Navy War Room has been reported to be living in U.K.;

(b) whether it is a fact that an extradition treaty exists between India and U.K.;

(c) whether it is also a fact that CBI has requested for initiating due process with Government of U.K. for extradition of the said key accused in order to be able to conduct investigations into the case; and

(d) if so, the details of the requirement/suggestions made by CBI and status thereof as on date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMED): (a) to (c) Yes.

(d) The Government of India made a request to the Government of the United Kingdom for provisional arrest of the accused person for the purpose of extradition under the provisions of the Treaty between the two countries. In reply, the concerned authorities in UK have asked for an extradition request. The detailed extradition request is being prepared by CBI.

Nuclear military programme by Pakistan

306. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the report published by the Washington based Institute for Science and International Security, suggesting Pakistan to be in an advanced stage of building a second research reactor and a larger reprocessing plant as part of its nuclear military programme at the Chasma facility;

(b) whether Government have endeavoured to ascertain *inter alia* the accuracy of the said report;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the response of Government to this weapon oriented nuclear research and reprocessing of spent fuel in augmented scale?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Yes. The Institute for Science and International Security, a US based non-governmental Institute, has been reporting since July, 2006 on the basis of commercially available satellite imagery that Pakistan is building a second heavy water based plutonium production reactor purportedly capable of producing enough plutonium for 40 to 50 nuclear weapons a year. The July, 2006 report was disputed by the US National Security Council arguing that the reactor is expected to be substantially smaller and less capable than reported.

(b) to (e) Government monitors all developments that have a bearing on India's national security and remains committed to taking all necessary steps to safeguard it in accordance with its own assessments.

Indian business enterprises in Nepal

307. SHRI DEVDAS APTE:
SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the business enterprises set up in Nepal by Indian citizens indicating number of enterprises set up in manufacturing units, hotels, constructions and infrastructure, etc. and aggregate volume of investments made in respective sectors;

(b) whether it is a fact that several Indian enterprises had to be closed down in the recent past due to lack of physical security to the individuals and their establishments and threats from Maoists;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by Government with a view to mitigate the problems of the affected Indian entrepreneurs in Nepal?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) According to the latest data provided by Government